

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following new title and paragraph between lines 2 and 3 on page 1:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/768,593 filed on January 25, 2001. Application No. 09/768,593 is a Continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/105,196 filed on June 26, 1998. The entire contents of each of the above-identified applications are hereby incorporated by reference.--

Page 1, before line 3, insert the following heading:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

Page 1, replace the paragraph, beginning on line 26, bridging pages 1 and 2, as follows:

--All the known remote monitoring installations employ communication means specifically adapted to the considered application and permit the transmission to the monitoring center of information required in the given context.--.

Page 2, between lines 13 and 14, insert the following heading:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 4, between lines 15 and 16, insert the following heading:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--;

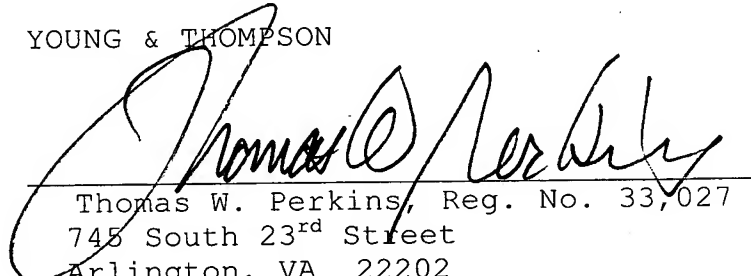
Page 4, between lines 25 and 26, insert the following

heading:

--DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

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